



Great Achievements by Teenagers from chapter 18

“You can do whatever you dream of and become inspired if you stay focused, work hard and don’t give up. You will raise above 95% of your classmates” – Randy E. King



Teenagers throughout history have had many great achievements in the fields of art, culture, science and technology. This may be because they are able to think in new and innovative ways, or their thinking is not hidebound by discredited nostrums; it may be attributable to great teachers and great schooling - including homeschooling. It may simply be the emergence of God-given talent at an early age. Biologically the rate of brain development and according to some studies IQ, reportedly peak in smart individuals just prior to their teenage years.

Achievements, listed by age at which they were made

Age 7 - Yehudi Menuhin gives his first solo violin performance with the San Francisco Symphony in 1923.

Age 8 - Frederic Chopin plays his first public piano performance, having already authored two polonaises (G minor and B flat major) at age 7.

Age 10 - Mark, author of the Gospel of Mark, witnesses the arrest of Jesus and develops the first Gospel.

Age 10 - Michael Kearney, homeschooled, becomes the world's youngest university graduate. At age 17, began a teaching career at college.

Age 12 - Blasé Pascal had secretly worked out the first twenty-three propositions of Euclid by himself.

Age 12 - Jesus presents His wisdom in the temple in Jerusalem.

Age 12 - William "Willie" Johnson earned the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Seven Days Battle and on the Peninsula Campaign during the American Civil War.

Age 13 - Jonathan Krohn homeschooled, actor, internet radio host, guest speaker at CPAC, author of Defining Conservatism.

Age 13 - John wrote the first draft of the Gospel of John, the greatest written work of all time.

Age 13 - Joan of Arc was inspired and led France five years later to victory over the English in the Hundred Years War; was martyred at age 19.

Age 13 - Anne Frank began writing her diary, later published as "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl."

Age 14 - Ismail founded the Safavid dynasty and became its "shah" (military and spiritual ruler)

Age 14 - Bobby Fischer became an International Chess Grandmaster.

Age 14 - Mozart wrote the opera, "Mitridate Rè di Ponto."

Age 14 - Nadia Comaneci "achieved in her sport what no Olympian, male or female, ever had before: perfection."

Age 14 - St. Theresa of Lisieux rejected by Bishop Hugonin, pleads with Pope Leo XIII so she may enter the Carmelites. Became Carmelite nun at age 15.

Age 14 - Bernadette Soubirous (St Bernadette of Lourdes) has a vision of the Virgin Mary

Age 15 - Louis Braille invented the Braille system.

Age 15 - Christopher Paolini writes the first draft of his Eragon trilogy which is published when he is 19.

Age 16 - Jean-François Champollion, can speak a dozen languages and delivers a paper on the Coptic language to the Grenoble Academy. By 20, he can speak another 13 languages and at 32 he deciphers the Rosetta Stone.

Age 16 - Boy sailor Jack Cornwall, of HMS Chester, is awarded a posthumous VC for gallantry at the Battle of Jutland.

Age 16 - Roger Mason discovered the first fossil believed by paleontologists to come from the Ediacaran period (630-542 million years ago). He found the fossil in Charnwood Forest, Leics, UK. The fossil species is named *Charnia masoni*, in recognition of his contribution to geology and evolutionary biology.

Age 16 - the average age of 58 homeschooled teenagers who founded Conservapedia, so that the light of truth would continue to shine and darkness would not overcome it.

Age 17 - Cassie Bernall defended her faith in front of an atheistic gunman at the Columbine massacre, and was martyred for it.

Age 17 - Mary accepts God's will to conceive Jesus by the Holy Spirit, and gives birth nine months later.

Age 17 - Shawn Fanning develops the first large-scale peer-to-peer file sharing program, Napster

Age 17 - Private 1st Class Jacklyn H. Lucas, United States Marine Corps, earned the Medal of Honor five days after his 17th birthday during the Iwo Jima battle in World War II; he was a Marine for three years.

Age 18 - Shawn Goldsmith from Long Island has earned all 121 merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts.

Age 18 - Mary Shelley writes Frankenstein (The Modern Prometheus), later published when she was 21.

Age 18 - Gary Kasparov, considered the greatest chess player ever, won the U.S.S.R. championship.

Age 19 - Captain Albert Ball, VC, MC, DSO & 2 bars, commences his career as a fighter pilot. By the time he is killed, aged 20, in 1917, he has become one of the First World War's greatest air aces, accounting for at least 44 German aircraft.

Age 19 - was the average age of front-line US service personnel fighting to defend democracy in Indochina during the Vietnam War.

Age 19 - Evariste Galois develops group theory, and wrote it out completely on the eve of his death at age 20; it took old mathematicians a century to comprehend it.

Age 19 - John D. Rockefeller starts a new company, turning an enormous profit in its first year, and became the most influential businessman in history.

Age 19 - Steve Jobs begins collaborating in electronics with Steve Wozniak in electronics, and developed the personal computer within two years.

Age 19 - Mark Zuckerberg develops Facebook, the leading social networking system for young people on the internet.

Age 19 - Jim Ryun broke the world record for running the mile.

Age 20 - Carl Friedrich Gauss makes his first mathematical discoveries, which will lead to the completion of "Disquisitiones Arithmeticae," his magnum opus, at the age of 21.

Age 20 - Willis Carrier invents air conditioning.

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